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The Intelligencer

and agriculture. Wheeling will cease to be the Capital May 1st, 1885.

### PERIODS OF DEPRESSION.

Wheeling suffered considerably from some of the periods of business depression which have affected the country at various times since its settlement, but they do not seem to have interfered with its steady growth. During the hard times that followed the war of 1812, between 1812 and 1823; her manufactures, trade and industries of every character were more or less prostrated. The subsidence of the Western land speculation fever and the panic of 1837 produced similar effects on the commerce and the industry of the place. In 1857, 1861-62 and 1873-75 were severe, but their bad effects appear to have been only temporary. Notwithstanding these adverse years, from 1820 to 1870 there was an increase of 3,840 in population. In 1830, 1850 and 1870 the increase was 2,164, and from 1840 to 1850, 4,440. From 1850 to 1870 the increase was 3,110. From 1870 to 1875, 4,297, and from 1875 to 1880, 12,037.

### TOPOGRAPHY.

Wheeling is divided into eight wards, but the most commonly recognized subdivisions are North Wheeling, including the First and the greater portion of the Second ward; West Wheeling, comprising the Third, Fourth and Fourth and a half wards, which is bounded on the east and south by Wheeling Creek; Centre Wheeling, including the Fifth and Sixth wards; Wheeling Island, in the middle of the city, and the portion of the city, and connected by the Suspension Bridge, making up the Seventh ward; and Ritchietown which was annexed to the city in 1870, and now comprises the Eighth ward, being separated from the city by a small stream, called Coldwater Run.

The main portion of the city, bounded on the east by a chain of hills average 100 feet in height, extends along the eastern bank of the Ohio a distance of four miles, the width of the city from two eighth squares, and, including the Island, which as before stated, constitutes one of its ward divisions, covers an area of about four square miles. A small portion of Main and Market streets, and the Island, which is a portion of the Island, and which is mainly used for residence purposes, are lower than the immediate banks of the river, but the surface drainage in other portions of the city is carried through the Ohio and into the current, both of which are sufficient to prevent any serious inconvenience to residents from accumulation of impurities in either. The city contains 354 miles of streets and about the same distance of alleys. The streets are laid out at right angles and have a width of from 60 to 66 feet, with sidewalks from 11 to 14 feet in width, paved with brick and flagstones. The alleys are from 10 to 20 feet in width, and with the exception of the one from the Island, are not paved. Of the streets about 34 miles are paved with river boulders and about 10 miles macadamized with lime stone. The gutters are generally well paved with curbed, and the most important streets are shaded trees planted on the outer line of the pavements.

### THE CLIMATE OF WHEELING.

Owing to its location and the configuration of its surrounding country, it is subject to few extremes. According to meteorological observations, covering a period of fifteen years, the average mean annual temperature is 51.64, the highest being 82.91, and the lowest 29.31, the average number of days being as follows: January, 29.91; February, 23.93; March, 34.43; April, 49.75; May, 59.08; June, 69.77; July, 73.91; August, 78.74; September, 75.56; October, 68.10; November, 54.01; December, 43.01. For the same period the average mean temperature for the season was, Spring, 49.89; Summer, 69.37; Autumn, 58.82; Winter, 32.91. Frosts do not occur usually earlier than May 1st, and extend to about the first of October, and the amount of atmospheric precipitation is about, according to the annual average for twenty years, of 40.7 inches. The number of days, of rain and snow, 117.77; of clear days, 77.15; of clear or fair days, 177.77. The average number of days of rain and melted snow, 37.77 inches. The direction of winds is almost constant from the southwest and northwest, rarely from the East, facts accounted for by the comparatively open country on the west and the mountains on the east of the Agency Mountains on the East.

### PUBLIC HEALTH.

From tables prepared by the Health Department of the city it is shown that the death rate of Wheeling is 21.37 to one thousand persons living. This low rate of mortality is accounted for by the comparative freedom of the city from epidemic and endemic diseases, the list from 1830 to the present, including but one visitation of Asiatic cholera, in 1838, which killed 100 of the inhabitants, and four subsequent visitations of scarlet fever and diphtheria, one of which assumed formidable proportions. Other causes given are the character of the soil on which the city is built, first or second, the soil being underlain with limestone, sandstone and coal measures; the freedom from swamps and morasses; the excellent natural drainage of the city, which enables it to be cleaned by even heavy rain, the absence of the smoke of the residences and manufactories of the quantities of bituminous coal, containing more or less sulphur, which is claimed to be a preventive against pulmonary diseases. But one death in five hundred of the city has occurred from consumption during the period covered, within the city.

Rhymographical divisions show that about five-eighths of the population are English, the descendants of the British, the remainder being from Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia. Of the remainder about one-fourth are Germans, the next in point of numbers are the Irish and the French, with a few Scotch, Welsh and French and the mixed bloods, constituting the remainder of the population. The city is about nine hundred negroes, the traces of Caucasian blood, and their descendants, according to the health reports, are characteristic of the geological or prehistoric.

The population is as a rule active, temperate and industrious, and the trades and manufactures of the city are generally of a healthful character, with the possible exception of nail making, in which, while in the city, the number of persons employed are employed, and which has been claimed to be hurtful to some classes of operatives employed in it.

Vaccination is compulsory whenever the Health Department so order, and the Board of Health has authority to order the vaccination of all persons within the city who may not have been vaccinated.

The city is moderately supplied with water from the Ohio river, which is carried by force pumps to the city, and the upper portion of the city into a basin or reservoir 270 feet above the bed of the river on one of the hills overlooking the city. The reservoir is down to the depth of nine feet through limestone and is paved with stone, and has a capacity of 781,330 gallons. From the reservoirs water is sent out along the streets in alleys at an average depth of four feet, low the surface in iron pipes, varying from three to four feet in diameter. The water is deficient and imperfect, and the sewers constructed on the lower and on level grades are open at various points of intersection for the reception of gutter surface drainings.

The principal institutions for the relief of the sick are the Wheeling Hospital, on the direction of the Sisters of St. Joseph and the pest house, a small institution under city government, and intended for the reception and care of small-pox patients.

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**CHEESE**—We quote prime new Ohio Western factory at 14c a lb, according to quality.

**DIETED FRUITS**—Quiet and steady. Quote Apples at 2 1/2c; Peaches 8c for new; Apples; Prunes 8c; Currants new 1 lb; Raisins, new, layers 22c; 50c.

**Eggs**—Good demand. We quote strictly at 14c a doz per doz.

**FISH**—In good demand. Quote: No. 3 medium mackerel, \$7.00; No. 2, \$8.00; 45c; corn and rye at 65c.

**FLOUR**—Market good. Patent Satin at \$3.50. Jobbing quotations are as follows: No. 1, 100 lb, \$3.50; No. 2, 100 lb, \$3.40; No. 3, 100 lb, \$3.30; No. 4, 100 lb, \$3.20; No. 5, 100 lb, \$3.10; No. 6, 100 lb, \$3.00; No. 7, 100 lb, \$2.90; No. 8, 100 lb, \$2.80; No. 9, 100 lb, \$2.70; No. 10, 100 lb, \$2.60; No. 11, 100 lb, \$2.50; No. 12, 100 lb, \$2.40; No. 13, 100 lb, \$2.30; No. 14, 100 lb, \$2.20; No. 15, 100 lb, \$2.10; No. 16, 100 lb, \$2.00; No. 17, 100 lb, \$1.90; No. 18, 100 lb, \$1.80; No. 19, 100 lb, \$1.70; No. 20, 100 lb, \$1.60; No. 21, 100 lb, \$1.50; No. 22, 100 lb, \$1.40; No. 23, 100 lb, \$1.30; No. 24, 100 lb, \$1.20; No. 25, 100 lb, \$1.10; No. 26, 100 lb, \$1.00; No. 27, 100 lb, \$0.90; No. 28, 100 lb, \$0.80; No. 29, 100 lb, \$0.70; No. 30, 100 lb, \$0.60; No. 31, 100 lb, \$0.50; No. 32, 100 lb, \$0.40; No. 33, 100 lb, \$0.30; No. 34, 100 lb, \$0.20; No. 35, 100 lb, \$0.10; No. 36, 100 lb, \$0.00.

**GRAIN**—Market good. Quote: No. 1, 100 lb, \$3.50; No. 2, 100 lb, \$3.40; No. 3, 100 lb, \$3.30; No. 4, 100 lb, \$3.20; No. 5, 100 lb, \$3.10; No. 6, 100 lb, \$3.00; No. 7, 100 lb, \$2.90; No. 8, 100 lb, \$2.80; No. 9, 100 lb, \$2.70; No. 10, 100 lb, \$2.60; No. 11, 100 lb, \$2.50; No. 12, 100 lb, \$2.40; No. 13, 100 lb, \$2.30; No. 14, 100 lb, \$2.20; No. 15, 100 lb, \$2.10; No. 16, 100 lb, \$2.00; No. 17, 100 lb, \$1.90; No. 18, 100 lb, \$1.80; No. 19, 100 lb, \$1.70; No. 20, 100 lb, \$1.60; No. 21, 100 lb, \$1.50; No. 22, 100 lb, \$1.40; No. 23, 100 lb, \$1.30; No. 24, 100 lb, \$1.20; No. 25, 100 lb, \$1.10; No. 26, 100 lb, \$1.00; No. 27, 100 lb, \$0.90; No. 28, 100 lb, \$0.80; No. 29, 100 lb, \$0.70; No. 30, 100 lb, \$0.60; No. 31, 100 lb, \$0.50; No. 32, 100 lb, \$0.40; No. 33, 100 lb, \$0.30; No. 34, 100 lb, \$0.20; No. 35, 100 lb, \$0.10; No. 36, 100 lb, \$0.00.

**MEATS**—Market good. Quote: No. 1, 100 lb, \$3.50; No. 2, 100 lb, \$3.40; No. 3, 100 lb, \$3.30; No. 4, 100 lb, \$3.20; No. 5, 100 lb, \$3.10; No. 6, 100 lb, \$3.00; No. 7, 100 lb, \$2.90; No. 8, 100 lb, \$2.80; No. 9, 100 lb, \$2.70; No. 10, 100 lb, \$2.60; No. 11, 100 lb, \$2.50; No. 12, 100 lb, \$2.40; No. 13, 100 lb, \$2.30; No. 14, 100 lb, \$2.20; No. 15, 100 lb, \$2.10; No. 16, 100 lb, \$2.00; No. 17, 100 lb, \$1.90; No. 18, 100 lb, \$1.80; No. 19, 100 lb, \$1.70; No. 20, 100 lb, \$1.60; No. 21, 100 lb, \$1.50; No. 22, 100 lb, \$1.40; No. 23, 100 lb, \$1.30; No. 24, 100 lb, \$1.20; No. 25, 100 lb, \$1.10; No. 26, 100 lb, \$1.00; No. 27, 100 lb, \$0.90; No. 28, 100 lb, \$0.80; No. 29, 100 lb, \$0.70; No. 30, 100 lb, \$0.60; No. 31, 100 lb, \$0.50; No. 32, 100 lb, \$0.40; No. 33, 100 lb, \$0.30; No. 34, 100 lb, \$0.20; No. 35, 100 lb, \$0.10; No. 36, 100 lb, \$0.00.

**PRODUCE**—Market good. Quote: No. 1, 100 lb, \$3.50; No. 2, 100 lb, \$3.40; No. 3, 100 lb, \$3.30; No. 4, 100 lb, \$3.20; No. 5, 100 lb, \$3.10; No. 6, 100 lb, \$3.00; No. 7, 100 lb, \$2.90; No. 8, 100 lb, \$2.80; No. 9, 100 lb, \$2.70; No. 10, 100 lb, \$2.60; No. 11, 100 lb, \$2.50; No. 12, 100 lb, \$2.40; No. 13, 100 lb, \$2.30; No. 14, 100 lb, \$2.20; No. 15, 100 lb, \$2.10; No. 16, 100 lb, \$2.00; No. 17, 100 lb, \$1.90; No. 18, 100 lb, \$1.80; No. 19, 100 lb, \$1.70; No. 20, 100 lb, \$1.60; No. 21, 100 lb, \$1.50; No. 22, 100 lb, \$1.40; No. 23, 100 lb, \$1.30; No. 24, 100 lb, \$1.20; No. 25, 100 lb, \$1.10; No. 26, 100 lb, \$1.00; No. 27, 100 lb, \$0.90; No. 28, 100 lb, \$0.80; No. 29, 100 lb, \$0.70; No. 30, 100 lb, \$0.60; No. 31, 100 lb, \$0.50; No. 32, 100 lb, \$0.40; No. 33, 100 lb, \$0.30; No. 34, 100 lb, \$0.20; No. 35, 100 lb, \$0.10; No. 36, 100 lb, \$0.00.

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